Excellency the Viceroy in December 1929 and rupees one lakh under Superannuation Allowances and Pensions due to increase in the pension list.

5. On the Capital side, the receipts from the sale of Government lands are expected to amount only to Rs 4·5 lakhs against the budgeted receipt of Rs 5 lakhs and the Capital Expenditure stands revised at Rs 18·07 lakhs. In the result, a net deficit of Rs 8·71 lakhs is expected at the close of the year, as against the anticipated deficit of Rs 21·88 lakhs. The Government closing balance will thus stand at Rs 161·43 lakhs.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1106.

6. I shall now pass on to the budget estimates of the ensuing year. The provisional estimates for the next year have been prepared on the expectation of a total **revenue** of Rs **250·79** lakhs and the programme of **expenditure** chargeable to the year's income has been fixed at Rs **248·77** lakhs, leaving a small margin of Rs **2·02** lakhs. Sale proceeds of Government lands are expected to bring in Rs 4 lakhs and our programme of **Capital expenditure** is estimated at Rs **27·03** lakhs. We shall thus be drawing from our accumulated Surplus of previous years Rs 21·01 lakhs for our commercial undertakings.

REVENUE.

7. The budgeted revenue for the next year is Rs 250·79 lakhs. This is Rs $2\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs in excess of our expectations in the current year. The principal items which contribute to this increase are Excise (1·79), Mint (1·15) and Railways (·61). Decreases in revenue are also expected under Taxes on Income (·67) and Forest (·59).

8. *Excise.*—The receipts are estimated at Rs 61·73 lakhs against the current year's expectation of Rs 59·94 lakhs, the expected increase being mainly under the head 'Abkari and Opium.' An increase is expected on account of enhanced rates of duty on jaggery-arrack and increased rates under tree tax and rentals as the result of the biennial contract. It will be seen from the detailed estimates that no amount is estimated under the two items 'Rebate of duty on opium' and 'Rebate of duty on ganja'. This apparent omission is due to the change of procedure recently sanctioned by the Madras Government in the purchase of opium and ganja. Hitherto, opium and ganja required for the State were being obtained from Madras on payment of cost price and duty. The duty thus paid used to be recovered from the Madras Government

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after the close of their financial year, deducting therefrom the centage charges due to them, and credited in our accounts under 'Rebate of duty on opium' and 'Rebate of duty on ganja'. The Madras Government have since agreed that, with effect from 1st April 1920, the cost price alone of opium and ganja need be paid at the time of purchase in addition to centage charges. By this arrangement, the duty on the stocks sold during a year will be credited in our accounts in the year itself under the item 'License fee and duty on opium and its preparations, ganja and other drugs'.

9. *Customs.*—The Customs revenue for 1106 is estimated at Rs 34·14 lakhs as against the current year's revised estimate of Rs 34·34 lakhs, and the budget estimate of Rs 32·95 lakhs. On account of the favourable condition of the Mud bank at Alleppey, steamers and sailing vessels are calling at the Port *throughout* the year. On the basis of the figures for the first eleven months of the year 1105, it is seen that 650 steamers and sailing vessels touched at the Alleppey Port, as against 548 during the same period last year. There is, however, a decrease in the number of steamers and sailing vessels calling at the sea ports of Quilon, Trivandrum and Colachel, due to the reduced imports of rice and paddy at these ports during the current year. On the whole, the number of steamers and sailing vessels calling at our seaports has increased from 798 to 831 and the total tonnage has also increased. On the basis of the figures for the first eleven months of the year, compared with the corresponding period of 1104, it is observed that our exports of pepper, ginger, cocoanuts, cocoanut oil and coir yarn have increased, while there is a slight fall in the export of tea and copra. The fall in the export of copra has been more than made up by the increase in the export of cocoanut oil.

10. *Mint.*—Since the introduction of our new silver coins of the present design in 1087, we have minted the following quantities :—

	Value in lakhs of Rupees.
Half Rupees ...	1·50
Quarter Rupees ...	1·50
Fanams ...	4·57
Total	7·57

As against this total mintage, the balances in treasuries according to the latest figures available stand at only Rs 1·37 lakhs. It is therefore proposed to mint silver coins for the face value of rupees two lakhs and the gain on this account is estimated at Rs 1·15 lakhs.

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11. *Railways.*—Under Railways a receipt of only half a lakh is estimated, as against the current year's estimate of rupees one lakh, for reasons already stated in paragraph 3.

12. *Taxes on Income.*—A fall of Rs ·67 of a lakh is anticipated mainly under 'Income derived from business' due to the general slackness in trade during the current year.

13. *Forest.*—A revenue of Rs 15·66 lakhs only is estimated for 1106, based on the normal expectations from different sources, against Rs 16·26 lakhs for the current year, the anticipated decrease being under "Timber and other produce removed from the forests by Government Agency and consumers or purchasers—Royal trees and junglewood".

EXPENDITURE CHARGED TO REVENUE.

14. The total budgeted expenditure chargeable to revenue in the next year is Rs 248·77 lakhs or Rs 5·59 lakhs in excess of the revised estimate of the current year, which includes Rs 9·60 lakhs on account of the Murajapam (4·10 lakhs) and His Excellency the Viceroy's Visit (5·50 lakhs). If these two special items are excluded from the current year's expenditure of Rs 243·18 lakhs, the budgeted amount for the next year will be Rs 15·19 lakhs in excess of the normal expenditure of the current year. I shall now proceed to deal with the more important items contributing to this increase.

15. *Public Works.*—The budgeted expenditure from revenue is Rs 41·75 lakhs inclusive of working expenses deducted from Productive Irrigation Receipts. Full details of the proposed expenditure on works in progress and on new works are, as usual, given in the Appendices to the Budget Estimates.

The provisions made for works alone (excluding establishment charges and tools and plant) in the budget estimates of the current and ensuing years are compared below :—

Ordinary Public Works.

		1105.	*1106.*
		[in lakhs of Rupees.]	
i.	Buildings	5·49	5·39
ii.	Communications	23·94	24·35
iii.	Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1·20	1·26
	Protective Irrigation	2·19	2·00
	Productive Irrigation	·70	·73

It will be observed from the above, that while the allotment for buildings has been slightly reduced, an increase of Rs ·41 of a lakh has been made under Communications. The provision for works

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